

THIRTY-FIRST

Annual Report of the Auditor

OF THE

CITY OF LINCOLN

NEBRASKA

INCLUDING

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

OF SAID CITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

AUGUST 31, 1934

Lincoln, Nebraska, February 1, 1935.

To the Honorable City Council,
City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I am submitting the Thirty-first Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Lincoln, showing the financial transactions for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1934.

We have added a table showing the total warrants issued against each fund, classified as to purpose of expenditure. This table covers only warrants issued by the City and does not include the Library, which operates under a Library State Law, or payment of debt and interest.

Statistics regarding the operation of the Water and Light Department are omitted for the reason that this department has published a separate report, setting out in detail its transactions and operations.

For years it has been the custom to include reports of activities of the different departments, for the calendar year. This delays the financial report, and I would recommend that hereafter the report of the Auditor, showing the financial transactions only, be published as soon after August 31, as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. BERG,
City Clerk and Auditor.

PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

January 1, 1935

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, now is and since May 13, 1913, has been operating under the Commission Form of government. Under this form of government, the city is divided into five departments, and five councilmen are elected. An amendment has been adopted providing that candidates for the office of Mayor shall so state in their petition for nomination, and the candidate "for Mayor" receiving the highest vote shall, if elected, as one of the five councilmen, automatically assume the Department of Public Affairs and the office of Mayor. The five councilmen constitute the city council. Each councilman is assigned to one of the departments, is called superintendent thereof, and is responsible for its proper operation.

All other city officials, except Judge of Municipal Court, are appointed by the council. The office of Judge of Municipal Court has been fixed by the constitution and this officer is elected at county and state elections. Other officials of the Municipal Court are appointed by the Judge.

City elections are held on the first Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. The term of office of councilmen are two years, beginning the first Monday following the election.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FENTON B. FLEMING.....Superintendent

City Attorney's Office

MAX KIER, Attorney

LLOYD E. CHAPMAN, Deputy

City Clerk and Auditor's Office

THEO. H. BERG, City Clerk and Auditor

F. W. MOELLER, Deputy

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT**Engineer's Office**

D. L. ERICKSON, Engineer
H. C. SCHLUETER, Deputy
C. L. FISHER, Assistant
GEORGE MARTIN, Plumbing Inspector
A. LYNN MYERS, Building Inspector

Police Department

W. C. CONDIT, Chief
PAUL SHIVELY, Captain

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

L. C. OBERLIESSuperintendent

City Treasurer's Office

L. C. OBERLIES, Ex-Officio Treasurer

Tax Commissioner's Office

P. H. MATTHEWS, Tax Commissioner

Park Department

CHESTER AGER, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

E. M. BAIR.....Superintendent

Street Department

C. S. KITTINGER, Assistant Superintendent

Paving Repair and Sewers

L. J. SEACREST, Inspector

Health Department

DR. M. F. ARNHOLT, Superintendent
DR. L. J. OWEN, Deputy Superintendent and Epidemiologist
DR. E. W. HANCOCK, Deputy Superintendent and Clinician
DR. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD, Deputy Superintendent and
City Physician
DR. W. W. CARVETH, Deputy Superintendent and Clinician

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

A. C. HARM.....Superintendent

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

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Fire Department

LOUIS HANSEN, Chief
F. W. DONNELLY, Assistant Chief
R. T. TUCKER, Assistant Chief

Electrical Inspection

L. S. CRAIN, Inspector

Muny Coal and Gasoline

M. H. McVEY, Manager

City Scales

M. H. McVEY, Manager

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

PAUL W. DOERRSuperintendent

Water and Light Department

H. A. SHABEN, Assistant Superintendent Water and Light Department

Municipal Court

JOHN L. POLK, Judge
LELAND M. TOWLE, Clerk
R. L. BUTTERBAUGH, Deputy Clerk
CHAS. H. ANDERSON, Constable

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARY

(Members appointed by Council)

H. T. Dobbins.....President
H. J. LehnhoffVice-President
Lulu Horne.....Librarian and Secretary of the Board

Members of Board

Term Expiring July 1, 1935:

Mariel Gere, E. J. Angle, August Eiche

Term Expiring July 1, 1936:

H. T. Dobbins, G. O. Smith, Della S. Clafin

Term Expiring July 1, 1937:

Maurice A. Hyde, Arthur W. Richardson, H. J. Lehnhoff

Advisory Board for College View

Term Expiring January 1, 1936:

Frank Hornung, D. G. Hilts, Miss Jennie Tracy

Term Expiring January 1, 1937:

Mrs. Anna Bergman, T. A. Little

AVIATION BOARD

(Appointed by Council)

Term Expiring July, 1935:

Verne Hedge, C. W. Motter, William Gold

Term Expiring July, 1937:

George W. Holmes, Max Kier, Carl J. Guenzel, B. F. Sheehan

WATER BOARD

(Appointed by Council)

Term Expiring June, 1935:

L. M. Troup

Term Expiring June, 1937:

Frank D. Eager, C. B. Towle

Term Expiring June, 1939:

J. E. Miller, Homer K. Burket

BOARD OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS

(Members appointed by Council)

Fred W. Tyler, Chairman

A. G. Johnson, Secretary

M. L. Shively, Treasurer

The Board meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 P. M., at the City Hall to examine applicants as to their qualifications to operate steam engines and boilers within the City of Lincoln.

HOSPITAL BOARD

(Appointed by Council)

Term Expiring February 28, 1935:

W. R. Mellor, Mrs. Emily J. Moore, J. E. Miller

Term Expiring February 28, 1937:

George W. Woods, Joseph Grainger, Mrs. Pauline F. Wessell

Term Expiring February 28, 1939:

John L. Teeters, Miss Ida L. Robbins, W. E. Barkley

BOARD OF APPEALS

(Appointed by Council)

Term Expiring May, 1935

Clark Jeary, Walter F. Wilson

Term Expiring May, 1937:

William L. Turner

Term Expiring May, 1939:

Robert E. Campbell, Ernest C. Folsom

FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN

City originally incorporated on April 7, 1869.

Incorporated as a city of the Second Class on March 18, 1871.

Incorporated as a city of the First Class on March 25, 1887.

Altitude: 1,165 feet above sea level.

Area: 15,603 acres (24.38 square miles).

Paved streets and alleys: 212.22 miles.

Parks: 1,356 acres.

Sanitary Sewers: 208.98 miles.

Storm Sewers: 34.09 miles.

Water Mains: 241.79 miles.

Public school buildings: 31.

Floating debt: None.

Population 1920: 54,928.

Population 1930: 79,572.

Population 1935 (estimated): 84,500.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

W. C. CONDIT, Chief of Police

- 1 Chief
- 1 Captain
- 1 Captain of Traffic
- 1 Lieutenant of Detectives
- 1 Lieutenant
- 1 Secretary and Finger Print Expert
- 5 Sergeants
- 9 Detectives
- 1 Shop Superintendent
- 10 Cruiser Car Officers
- 4 Motorcycle Officers
- 14 First Class Patrolmen
- 3 Second Class Patrolmen
- 3 Part Time Patrolmen
- 1 Jailer
- 2 Drivers
- 1 Plainclothesman
- 1 Plainclothesman and Photographer
- 3 Radio Operators
- 1 Brake and Light Officer
- 1 Mechanic
- 2 Matrons
- 1 Cook
- 1 Electrician

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REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stolen Property Report

Fiscal Year September 1, 1933 to August 31, 1934

Month	Stolen	Recovered	Not Recovered
September	\$ 4,313.77	\$ 45.00	\$ 4,268.77
October	2,710.67	67.00	2,643.67
November	3,283.24	3,283.24
December	5,469.93	3,000.00	2,469.93
January	1,537.66	89.50	1,448.16
February	1,710.69	172.00	1,538.69
March	1,651.40	16.20	1,635.20
April	1,788.40	72.00	1,716.40
May	1,859.02	160.00	1,699.02
June	1,720.03	100.00	1,620.03
July	1,677.67	95.00	1,582.67
August	1,404.90	15.00	1,389.90
Totals	\$29,127.38	\$3,831.70	\$25,295.68

Causes of Arrest

Obstructing Traffic	5
Assault	23
Begging	10
Auto theft	27
Violating electric ordinance.....	2
Breaking and entering.....	28
Chickens not to run at large upon property of another.....	2
Driving car with defective brakes.....	5
Carrying concealed weapons.....	2
Chicken stealing	3
Defrauding innkeeper	1
Disorderly conduct	27
Disturbing the peace.....	37
Drunk and driving car.....	52
Drunkenness	686
Embezzlement	2
Driving car with improper license.....	43
Driving car with improper lights.....	387
Deserter	1
False pretense, and obtaining money and property under.....	9
Forgery	15
Gambling	12
Parked by fire hydrant.....	10
Investigation	867
Indecent exposure of person.....	6
Insanity	4
Parked, no rear light.....	441
Improperly parked	499
No dog license	6
Larceny, grand	19
Larceny, petit	149
Keeping a disorderly house.....	5
Maintaining a gambling resort.....	8
Malicious destruction of property.....	5
Non-support	5
No-fund checks	10
Obstructing the sidewalk.....	1
Permitting persons to ride, and riding on fenders.....	10
Reckless driving	47
Resisting an officer.....	12
Parked, red, yellow, or white line.....	157
Safe keeping	110
Violating arterial stop ordinance.....	209
Selling mortgaged property	1
Speeding: "15" mi. limit; "20" mi. limit; "25" mi. limit.....	364
Violating school stop.....	15

Vagrancy	6
Violating automatic signals	41
Violating auto muffler ordinance.....	7
Violating building ordinance.....	7
Violating fire ordinance.....	1
Violating health ordinance.....	4
Violating liquor law, possession, sale, manufacture and trans.....	131
Violating milk ordinance.....	6
Violating peddling ordinance.....	7
Parked in prohibited area.....	56
Violating pure food law.....	2
No U turn on arterial streets.....	25
Violating Sunday closing law.....	17
Violating traffic ordinance, miscellaneous.....	10
Failure to stop after accident.....	4
Miscellaneous	27
Violating 1 hour park ordinance.....	471
Violating 2 hour park ordinance.....	22
Held for Health Dept.....	46
Arrested for outside authorities	35
Driving car, no driver's license.....	30
White slavery	5
Manslaughter	1
Murder	2
Total Arrests	5302

FIRE DEPARTMENT

LOUIS C. HANSEN, Chief

I wish to submit the following report for the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1934:

Number of alarms	889
Number of false alarms.....	14
Number out of City.....	31
Gallons of chemical used.....	3,218
Number of frame buildings.....	222
Number of brick and stone buildings.....	96
Number other than building fires.....	472
Number of feet of hose used.....	75,650
Number of feet of ladder used.....	5,870
Total value of buildings involved.....	\$ 405,200.00
Total value of contents involved.....	1,622,065.00
Total insurance on buildings.....	1,050,260.00
Total insurance on contents.....	284,050.00
Total loss on buildings and contents.....	78,889.50

This report is made according to the records kept in the office of the Fire Chief.

Cash balance Sept. 1, 1934	\$ 19,579.72
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1934	7,267.48
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Fund balance Sept. 1, 1934	\$ 12,312.24

POLICE

Receipts

Balance Sept. 1, 1933.....		\$ 12,793.20
Tax Collections	\$109,466.12	
Dog Tax and Tags.....	5,357.00	
Sale of Unclaimed Property.....	30.90	
Damage to Property.....	12.80	
Boarding Prisoners	137.25	
Radio Sold	51.60	
Tear Gas and Toll Calls.....	30.50	
Shot Gun Sold	20.00	
Compensation Settlement of		
Employee	217.92	
Miscellaneous	27.97	
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Total Receipts	\$115,352.06	\$115,352.06
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Total Credits		\$128,145.26

Disbursements

Salary	\$ 88,083.97
Labor Traffic Signals.....	948.03
Traffic Signal Repair.....	227.72
Electric Current for Traffic	
Signals	1,003.66
Electric Current	901.91
Call Box Maintenance.....	319.16
Radio Equipment and Repairs....	1,523.93
Auto Expense	1,632.09
Gasoline and Oil.....	4,223.24
Ammunition	235.36
Food	924.40
Janitor Supplies	137.78
Catching Dogs	5,382.00
Uniforms	1,059.20
Freight and Express.....	43.57

Motorcycle Expense	178.65	
Badges	15.25	
Printing and Office Expense	564.13	
Tools and Hardware.....	121.17	
Flashlights	130.70	
Building Repairs	39.70	
Cement Driveway	50.00	
Fingerprint Supplies	180.33	
Laundry Service	136.72	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	5,883.35	
Postage	71.00	
Gun Repairs	3.54	
New Cars Nos. 23-32-61-64-87- 137	3,395.00	
Paint	60.94	
Jail Repairs and Supplies.....	80.53	
Damage to Property.....	25.80	
Police Register	79.00	
Insurance	322.12	
Advertising	26.00	
Medical Service to Employee.....	14.60	
Electric Supplies	21.92	
Office Equipment	68.55	
Plumbing Repairs	8.00	
Shop Equipment	19.50	
Miscellaneous	129.73	
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Total warrants issued.....	\$118,272.25	\$118,272.25
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1933.....		4,726.23
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		\$122,998.48
Warrants paid Sept. 1, 1934.....		119,337.30
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Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1934.....		\$ 3,661.18
Total cash charges		\$119,337.30
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Cash balance Sept. 1, 1934.....		\$ 8,807.96
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1934.....		3,661.18
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Fund balance Sept. 1, 1934.....		\$ 5,146.78

TABLE NO. 3—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT—SEPTEMBER 1, 1933 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1934

ACCOUNTS	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1933	Tax Collections		Other Incomes	Credit Transfer	Total Receipts	Other Vouchers Paid	Debit Transfer	Warrants Issued	Investment	Total Charges	Over-drafts	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1934
		City	Intangible										
General	\$ 20,323.53	\$ 14,669.09	\$ 1,281.15	\$ 18,327.54		\$ 34,777.78			\$ 28,698.43		\$ 28,698.43		\$ 26,402.88
Salary	4,331.89	72,940.70		350,142.91		72,940.70			66,752.87		66,752.87		10,519.72
Water	149,658.93			168,581.90		350,142.91	\$ 75,392.50		270,516.50		345,908.80		153,393.04
Commercial Light	183,139.87			2,064.82		168,581.90			130,248.84		130,248.84		221,472.93
Street Light	36,737.39	27,041.56				29,106.38			53,136.81		53,136.81		12,726.96
Fire	1,774.00	158,882.60	25,500.00	34.50		184,441.10			173,878.86		173,878.86		1,312.24
Police	8,066.97	109,466.12		5,885.94		115,352.06			118,272.25		118,272.25		5,146.78
Sewer	1,979.25	1,910.23		2,972.71		20,882.94			17,959.95		17,959.95		4,002.24
Engineer's Office Expense	1,335.19	2,697.26		4,381.49		20,882.94			19,059.17		19,059.17		1,113.22
Paving Repair	2,906.66	15,710.20		11.34		20,091.69			17,038.11		17,038.11		3,939.18
City Property	132.03	17,572.74		515.01		18,087.75			81,817.23		81,817.23		1,981.77
Road	12,409.81	23,785.40		67,603.84		91,389.24			77,041.32		77,041.32		1,977.00
Park	10,033.80	66,235.68		15,049.44		47,825.66			29,254.89		29,254.89		21,585.18
Storm Sewer	3,014.41	47,566.34		129,060.85		129,060.85			123,016.58		123,016.58		39,402.18
Mun. Coal and Gasoline	33,357.91			166,535.97		166,535.97			166,568.40		166,568.40		
Hospital	32.43			10,870.14		10,870.14			12,429.07		12,429.07		
Golf	1,252.44			1,892.74		1,892.74			2,005.06		2,005.06		
Tennis	67.71			1,892.74		1,892.74			3,589.46		3,589.46		4,166.65
Plumbing Inspection	5,064.61			2,891.50		2,891.50			6,913.46		6,913.46		3,618.62
Aviation Field	5,768.68	588.17		4,175.23		4,175.23			2,917.84		2,917.84		41.73
Lincoln Symphony Orchestra	85.84			2,873.73		2,873.73			2,354.44		2,354.44		19.15
Judgment	121.98	2,251.61		1,230.00		2,251.61			1,987.61		1,987.61		492.24
Milk Inspection	1,249.85	1,545.34		235.00		1,545.34			1,502.57		1,502.57		898.22
Attorney's Office Expense	955.45			1,654.17		1,654.17			1,778.57		1,778.57		195.54
Electric Examiner	154.23								30.02		30.02		1,745.71
Inspection	694.57	1,051.14		248.80		1,051.14			4,854.78		4,854.78		233.75
Paving Abutting City Property	14.97												
City Scales	*136,950.70	23,827.61		248.80		23,827.61	4,854.78						
Building	*22.95												
Weights and Measures	*213.10	481.41				481.41							
"H" Street Paving Repair	591.47												
College View General	654.88												
Havelock General	3,207.58												
Water Extension	2,397.57	43,985.26		315,475.00	\$164,358.96	479,833.96	42,363.09	\$315,000.00	176,828.08		491,828.08	8,786.54	4,019.74
Sinking	3,220.28	44,837.95		178,000.00		221,985.26	40,969.75	178,000.00			220,363.09		7,088.48
Interest and Coupon	2,767.33	50,744.40		6,025.33		44,837.95	48,946.89				40,969.75		4,564.84
Library	7,327.59					50,744.40	7,361.04				7,361.04		5,992.48
Library Book	*19,836.84	18,199.27		481.55		18,681.22	365.79				365.79	1,521.41	
Emergency Labor													
Water Depreciation	22,547.90			104,525.57		104,525.57			\$125,573.76		125,573.76		1,499.71
Replacement Sinking													
Commercial Light Depreciation	39,498.02			51,412.20		51,412.20			79,603.93		79,603.93		11,306.29
Replacement Sinking													
Mun. Gasoline Depreciation	655.53	33,533.32											655.53
Health													
Motor Vehicle				2,431.76		36,015.08			38,704.32		38,704.32	2,689.24	
University Place Lease Sinking	21,598.87			6,678.00		6,678.00			6,695.65		6,695.65	17.65	
Special Emergency				1,449.96		1,449.96			9,225.32		9,225.32		23,048.83
P. W. A. Docket No. 1175				45.86		45.86			164,358.96		164,358.96	9,179.46	
TOTALS	\$431,011.98	\$795,523.40	\$ 26,781.15	\$1,624,375.12	\$479,358.96	\$2,926,038.63	\$220,253.84	\$493,000.00	\$1,807,744.14	\$205,177.69	\$2,726,175.67	\$140,786.47	\$ 771,661.41

*Overdrafts.